

# The ELI Weekly

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## Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the recipients of the ELI Scholarships for the Spring 2023 Semester!

### **Dr. Jayne C. Harder Memorial Scholarship:**

- **Francisca Esquivel del Pino** from Chile

### **Dr. J.C. Casagrande Peace Scholarship:**

- **Yoojin Lee** from South Korea

### **First Runner-Up:**

- **Minseo Kim** from South Korea

### **Second Runner-Up:**

- **Georgios Kalfagiannis** from Greece and Venezuela
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## Out and About: The Most Important Thing You Learn in College

by Pablo Barrientos Costas, RW 31



Sometimes, when people think about what you learn in college what probably comes into our minds is listening, writing, grammar. Although this is partially right, one valuable thing you learn in college is the value of relationships, other points of view, different perspectives on various issues. Because of these, after these almost four months, the ELI instead of being only English Academy was a tool that allowed me to make connections and learn from people from other countries, other cultures. Another thing, what very important thing

I have been surprised about is learning study methods. For instance, there is very useful for your development as a professional and student due to you create an organization. Another interesting fact is that you can learn a lot about the American culture and participate in it because, otherwise without the ELI be very difficult for an international student. According to what been mentioned, I think that ELI provides important additional benefits that make you grow.

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## CIP Weekday Activities

### Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Talk– 6:30-9:00pm



Socialize with LAs and ELI friends at the Starbucks on Archer Road next to Burger Fi! Play games, speak English, and drink a coffee or get dinner at one of the restaurants nearby! Take bus 1.

Address: 3524 SW Archer Rd, Gainesville, FL 32608

### Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> – Volleyball – 6:30-9:00pm



Come play volleyball and hang out at Lexington Crossing Apartments Phase 2! No experience necessary! Take bus 34 or 35.

Address: 3900 SW 27th St, Gainesville, FL 32608

### Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> – Soccer – 6:30-9:00pm



Come play soccer on campus at Flavet Field! No experience necessary!

Address: Woodlawn Dr, Gainesville, FL 32603

### Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> – Gator Salsa Downtown – 7:00-9:30pm



Learn to dance salsa and bachata for the first hour and then dance freely during the social portion after the class in the streets of downtown Gainesville! Don't like dancing? Come watch or just socialize and try good food downtown! Meet in front of The Bull in downtown and take bus 5 or 46.

Address: 18 SW 1st Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601

### Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Celebration Pointe – 6:30-9:00pm



Come to our last weekday event of the semester at Celebration Pointe! See the festive holiday lights in this fun shopping and dining area! Try some food, go to a movie, or just enjoy the outdoor holiday and family vibes of the area with ELI friends! Bring some money if you would like to buy food or shop. Meet in front of the stage near The Keys restaurant.

Address: 4860 Celebration Pointe Ave #30, Gainesville, FL 32608

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## Weekend Activity

### Saturday, December 3rd – End of Semester BBQ – 11:45am-4:00pm

Celebrate the end of semester at beautiful Lake Wauburg with free food! Kayak and boat for free with your Gator1 ID card! **Meet at Norman Parking Garage** then go to Lake Wauburg North Shore together.

You must sign up to attend this event here, please read the details on the signup for more information about the event: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-endofsemester1> (opens in new tab)



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## Other CIP Reminders

Don't forget to get your CIP Passport Stickers from the activity leaders AT the event (not after). Redeem your completed passport for a small gift and photo for the ELI Instagram! Remember the CIP Pineapple is hidden in a new place every Monday in the CIP office. Stop by and find it!

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## Last Day of Classes

Thursday, December 8, is the final day of ELI classes this fall. Teachers will be submitting final grades and attendance reports on Wednesday, December 7. If you are absent on Thursday, your absence will not be counted for immigration, class grades, or any petition you have submitted. **All absences on December 5, 6, 7 still count!!! You should not miss class these days!**

We hope all ELI students will attend class on Thursday, December 8. Your teachers and LAs have fun and interesting lessons and activities planned. However, we know many ELI students are making preparations to leave Gainesville, so are very busy this last week. **If you will not be attending class on Thursday, December 8, please inform your teacher by Tuesday, December 6.** Your teachers and LAs need to know how many students to plan for.

All of your teachers and LAs will be at the ELI Commencement Ceremony on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. We hope you will be there, too!

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## Notes from the Office

**Test of UF Alert Emergency System:** On Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, UF will test the UF Alert system. You may hear an announcement over the loudspeakers and phones on campus. You will also get a notification on your phone. This is just a test of the system. You do not need to do anything. If you do not receive the alert, you should be sure your contact information is correct in One.UF and that you have the GatorSafe app downloaded. You can ask Christine for help doing this if you need to.

**Apartment Leases:** As the semester draws to a close, keep in mind that your lease might be ending soon. It is important to know the exact date that your apartment lease ends so you can make plans. If you're not sure when it ends, ask your apartment office.

If you need help finding a hotel to stay in short-term (you should ask your friends first!), someone to take over your lease, or a new apartment, talk to Christine in Matherly 223.

**Charges Due:** Every ELI student should log in to [ONE.ufl.edu](https://one.ufl.edu) and look at the "Campus Finances (Bursar)" tile to see if they owe any fees to the university. For example, you may need to pay for services you received at the Student Health Care Center or printing in a library. If you have a scholarship, it will not pay these charges.

**Gatorlink:** Remember, if you are not returning to the ELI in the spring, you will not be able to access your ufl.edu email address, one.ufl.edu, Canvas, or other Gatorlink services after January 25th.

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## Photo of the Week



Enjoying the Thanksgiving potluck

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## Birthdays!



### Students:

- 11/29-Mohammed Fulayyih
- 11/29-Camila Planchart Contreras
- 11/29-Brenda Diaz Moret
- 12/4-Sebastian De Wind Pesantes

### Staff:

- 12/4-Jolee Gibbs

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## Notes from the Editor



Thank you to all the students, LAs, instructors, and staff who submitted stories to the ELI Weekly! We enjoyed hearing about your experiences from the semester.



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